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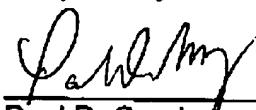
Claims 1-7 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claim 4 without prejudice. Thus, claims 1-3 and 5-7 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment, which is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 4. Therefore, claim 1, as well as claims 2-3 and 5-7 that depend therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 1-3 and 5-7 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited. In the alternative, it is believed that the instant amendment places the present application in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the instant amendment are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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